

# Tartars Face Titans, Saxons, Eagles

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Since the start of the basketball season the Torrance High varsity basketball team has given the appearance of an outstanding team without any serious ambitions. It has been a frustrating experience that may yet have its salvation.

A spark of rejuvenation may come about this week-end when the Tartars meet Rolling Hills Friday, North

Saturday, and El Segundo next Tuesday.

The Tartars have posted some influential victories, but seven times they have been beaten between two and six points. Three of those losses were against Sky League rival Morningside, (16-3) a team that dropped two losses against unbeaten El Segundo (22-0).

In the other games that meant anything Torrance was upset by Beverly Hills (14-4) in its own tournament and

got run out of the championship game of Compton Tournament by Millikan (17-3).

Torrance has not been beaten by anybody convincingly. That is one consolation.

The biggest concern about the Tartars is the fact they lost 7 of their first 18 games after posting a fabulous 33-2 record with virtually the same talent a year ago. There were Bart Johnson who scored 20 points or more in almost every game since his sophomore year; Robin Fish-

er, one of the best all-around little guards in the business; and Rich Kreul, a two-year man whom many coaches speak of as the lad who would make the difference in winning the championship in their own cases.

Gone from last year's heralded Torrance varsity are Fred Carpenter, Jim Crockett, Bill Doyle and Rich Thompson.

Although Carpenter had a great year, the departure of these seniors did not figure as a serious handicap for the

Tartars. Filling the gap would be JV players Steve Jasper and Grant Galyardt who were accustomed to scoring 15 to 18 points a game in their division.

It was a year Coach Boerger looked forward to with great anticipation.

The team, however, was bugged with indifference from almost the first day of practice.

After placing second and third in two prior CIF play-offs, motivating the Tartars became an unsuspected diffi-

cult challenge. It was like taking them to see the same movie three days in succession.

Torrance opened its season with an irregular, lopsided win over Santa Monica. Two games later Morningside caught the Tartars unaltered and knocked them out of the Pacific Shores Tournament. The downfall of the team, mixed with disciplinary maneuvers and personal disappointments, carried into the league campaign.

Absence of key players

forced Coach Boerger to become involved in young talent — such as using Alan Brown and Bob Fernley, a pair of inexperienced guards. To them the idea of winning is the important part of sports and they have helped defrost any other ideas.

It is not too late for the Tartars to appreciate the importance of three good years of basketball for their alma mater. How else can Torrance High regard itself as the "school of champions" it claims?

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### 'Gundo Wanted Tough Schedule!

Interest in the Torrance-North game Saturday and the Torrance-El Segundo contest next Tuesday is mounting.

North met Torrance in a preseason scrimmage. The Saxons had a good afternoon inasmuch as Tartar Bart Johnson was out of the lineup, but with him Torrance bested North in a tournament game.

Both teams appear to be at their peak of the season right now.

Torrance, which plays Rolling Hills in a Sky League game Friday, follows its weekend double outing with a major test at El Segundo three days later.

El Segundo coach Cliff Warren termed his team's 22-0 record "somewhat surprising." He called his 1967 schedule "suicidal" and offered the statement "We fear Torrance more than any other team in the CIF!"

Warren's comments came after his team was again voted number one in the Southland weekly poll, picking up 13 of 14 first place votes.

Torrance (13-7), which finished third in the CIF last year, is rated 10th in this week's poll.

"When I prepared our schedule I wanted to play the best," said Warren, "but I had no idea that we would be 22-0 at this stage. Our goal, of course, is to win the CIF but you have to be lucky as well as good to do that. I don't think we are feeling any pressure because of our winning streak," he added.

Of guard Dana Pagett, who has won four tournament MVP awards this year, says Warren: "He is one in a million. He scores when we need points, but he is a most unselfish player. He's a great shooter, averaging 17.1 points per game."

Center John Pleick (6-8) is averaging 20.8 and shooting 66 per cent from the floor while forward Mike McCready (6-3) "stops the opposition's leading scorer," informs Warren.

Ed Hora (6-8), a forward, has won two games for the Eagles with clutch free throws in the closing seconds, a pair of two-point squeakers with Buena Ventura and St. Francis.

The installation of new bleachers at North High has interrupted the school's basketball schedule again. Word has been received that the Saxons have had four consecutive games switched. Today's contest with Santa Monica is moved to Samohi.

Friday's non-league game against Mayfair will be at West, followed by Saturday eve's interesting contest at Torrance against the Tartars.

Next Wednesday's Bay League contest with Redondo will also be at Torrance.

### 'HARD DRINKS' OKAY FOR GOLF TOURNEY

The big "stir" at the L.A. Open Golf Tournament may well be the "19th" hole.

It will mark the first appearance on the Rancho Park scene of goldfom's traditional convivial outpost at any time during the L. A. Open's 41-year history.

The more than 3,000 patrons of the annual competition hail the thirst-quenching decision by the Tournament's sponsor, L.A. Junior Chamber of Commerce, as a major victory. "No longer will our theme song be 'How Dry I Am,'" their spokesmen declared.

During the four-day matches the official pourers will be professional mixologists from the staff of "Red" Tracton.

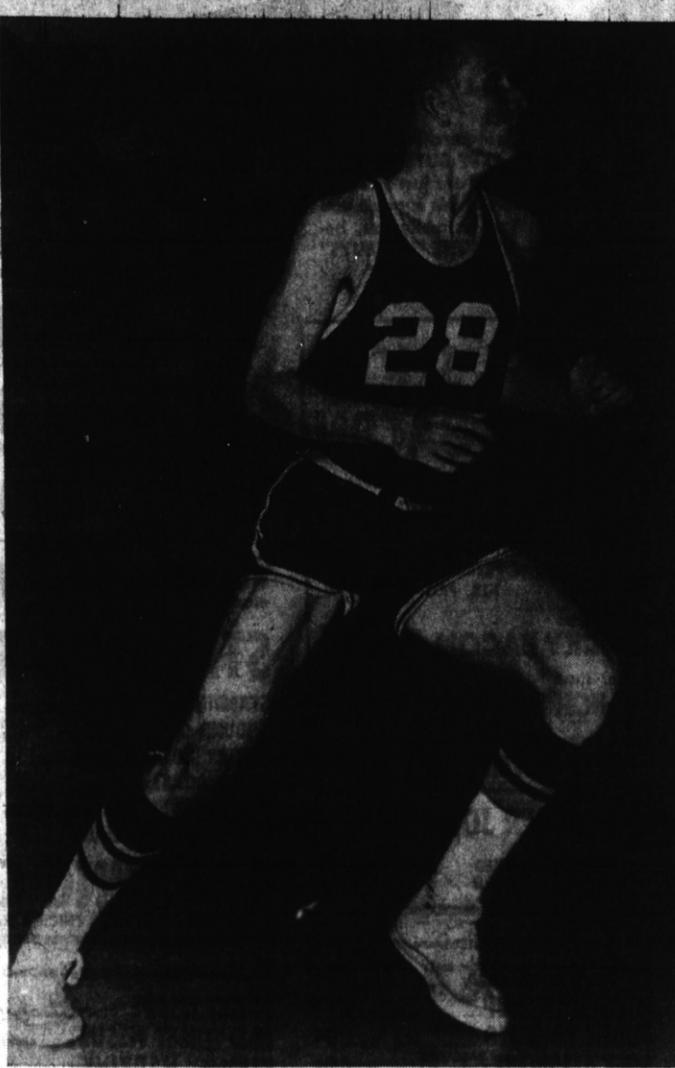
### Lakers, Baltimore Play Twice at Sports Arena

Coming off a three-game Eastern road trip, the Los Angeles Lakers will be hosts to the Baltimore Bullets in Sports Arena engagements tonight and Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

All-star Elgin Baylor, his all-pro running mate Jerry West and the rest of the Lakers will try to make up ground on the Western Division leaders at the expense of one of the NBA's most rugged and most exciting ball clubs. Despite their lack of suc-

cess in the win column, the Bullets have some explosive performers in a cast headed by big rugged Gus "Honeycomb" Johnson ex-Laker LeRoy Ellis, jumpin' Johnny Green, and one of the league's fine backcourt trios Don Ohl, Kevin Loughery and Johnny Egan.

The two games mark the final appearances here of the Bullets during the 1966-67 season. The Lakers have 14 home games remaining in the regular season following this week's Baltimore series.



CORNER SHOOTER . . . Jon Yarmolovich of Bishop Montgomery High School is a steady field goal artist who leads his teammates against Fermin Lasuen Friday night at home. The Knights have won their first three Camino Real League games while Lasuen has a 2-1 record. (Press-Herald Photo by Mike Eggers)

### Strong Field Ready for L.A. Open

The strongest field in the 41-year-old history of the tradition-strong Los Angeles Open will go postward in the \$100,000 links classic tomorrow at Rancho Park course.

The pro-amateur prelude is over the 6,900-yard West Los Angeles layout.

Forty-five of the top 50 money winners of 1966 will be in the cast. Included are all of the great names of the sport, Arnold Palmer, Bill Casper, Jr., Jack Nicklaus, Doug Sanders, Gay Brewer, Frank Bear, Al Geibler, Phil Rodgers, Gene Littler, R. H. Sikes.

Palmer is the defending champion and will be striving for his third Los Angeles Open win. Nicklaus will be making his first local appearance since he turned pro in the 1962 L.A. Open. Both players have the long game, so well suited to Rancho's long but wide-open layout.

The Junior Chamber looks for record attendance, weather being benevolent.

### Gardena In City Finals

Another whirlwind finish is in prospect as the 20th annual Los Angeles City High Schools basketball championships roll to a climax Friday and Saturday evenings at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion.

The semi-finals are on tap Friday, with Marine League co-champion Gardena (15-1) facing Southern League runner-up Manual Arts (14-2) at 7 p.m. and Southern League titan Fremont (14-2) tackling Marine League co-champ and defending city monarchs Jordan (14-2) at 8:30. Finals are at 8:30 on Saturday, preceded by a playoff for third place at 7.

Those who witnessed last year's unbelievable 101-100 overtime victory by Jordan over Jefferson to win the championship before 10,411 breathless spectators (an all-time attendance record) are now firmly convinced they may be in store for a worthy sequel, judging from the calibre of the four teams which have made their way into the semis.

Fremont and Jordan have collided earlier this season, the Bulldogs eking out an 84-82 win in non-league play two months ago. Gardena, with the finest team in its history, has a tough task going up against Manual Arts, the city's highest scoring outfit with a 100.8 points-per-game average in league.

#### METRO JC STANDINGS

Team	W	L	PF	PA
Long Beach	4	0	503	323
Valley	4	1	493	419
Cerritos	4	1	498	348
Santa Monica	3	2	511	434
El Camino	2	2	453	462
Rio Hondo	2	3	367	327
Bakersfield	0	3	379	440
East Los Angeles	0	3	380	462

### West Grabs JV Victory

West won a 67-29 junior varsity victory from El Segundo Friday in Pioneer League basketball.

West (67) El Segundo (29)  
Hogue (4) F Hackworth (4)  
Heineman (6) F Cole (7)  
Stock (8) G Budden (8)  
Guest (34) G Aubrey (4)  
DeFuria (10) G Yole (8)

WEST BEATEN  
Sky League leader Morningside handed West High an 82-54 non-league basketball loss last night at the loser's gym.  
West has a Pioneer League game Friday at Palos Verdes.

### Robinson To Attend L.A. Dinner

Frank Robinson, triple crown winner for the world champion Baltimore Orioles will be in attendance at the 10th annual Baseball Writers' Awards Dinner in the Hollywood Palladium, Friday evening, Feb. 10.

Robinson, who led the American League in batting percentage, home runs, runs batted-in, runs scored and total bases, will take a bow from his head table post, and look on as Dodger and Angel performers take over the possession of trophies for outstanding activity during the past pennant races.

Robinson is the first winner of the triple crown since Mickey Mantle turned the trick in 1956.

### Midgets Roar At Irwindale

Many of the top midgets in the west will compete in a 7-event program Sunday afternoon at San Gabriel Speedway in Irwindale.

Bob Behrens of Downey is favored to win the 30-lap feature race. Duane Sears of Westminster, veteran Al Henderson of Downey and recent main event winner Ed Johns of San Gabriel will also compete.

### Time Off For Exams

Recreational facilities at El Camino College will be closed for two weeks.  
Facilities, including recreational activities in the pools, the women's gym, the men's gym, the weight room and the handball courts will resume their normal schedule on Monday, Feb. 6.

## Bishop Montgomery Takes on Lasuen 5

The two teams expected to decide the Camino Real League basketball championship face each other in the first of two league meetings Friday night at the Bishop Montgomery High gym.

The host BMHS Knights, 3-0 in league play, are matched against Fermin Lasuen (2-1). In a tournament game Montgomery beat Fermin, 84-57, but in the same event Lasuen beat Leuzinger, 80-73, and was edged by powerful St. Anthony's, 58-43.

In league play the Padres have beaten St. Monica's and Crespi, and lost to St. Bernard's.

The three Montgomery victories were turned in against Murphy, Crespi and St. Bernard's.

Fermin is led by Bob Hallett, Phil Karmelich, Jeff Pederson, Ray Brightman, and Frank Mateljan.

Leading Coach Dave Benadaret's varsity are Jon Yarmolovich, Rick Sabosky, Jim Garbanati, Steve Sciarra, Danny Graham and Steve Patterson.

In a pair of league games tomorrow St. Monica's plays at St. Bernard's and Murphy opposes Crespi at St. Monica's.

The first half of the season will culminate Tuesday with an evening game against St. Monica's.

### El Camino Has 2-3 Record

The first round of the Metropolitan Conference basketball race comes to a close Friday and Saturday with Valley College lagging Long Beach by one full game. Valley tackles the tough Vikings Friday at home.

Going into the contest, Long Beach, beaten only once throughout the season, has a 5-0 conference mark. Valley is 4-1, along with Cerritos, which is host to potent Santa Monica. In other Friday games, Rio Hondo travels to El Camino and East Los Angeles entertains Bakersfield.

Four games are set Saturday: Valley at Rio Hondo, Bakersfield at Long Beach, El Camino at Cerritos, and Santa Monica at East Los Angeles.

In last week's only Metro encounters, Long Beach belted East Los Angeles, 107-78; Cerritos turned back Bakersfield, 79-63; Valley stopped El Camino, 102-83; and Santa Monica swarmed over Rio Hondo, 91-70.

El Camino's Bob Brennan was Metro high scorer of the week with 26 against Valley. Loren Bracti's 25 for Valley ran his total to 130 points in five games. He leads the conference with a 26.0 average.

Frank Flack poured in 21 and Doug Smith got 20 to spark Santa Monica over Rio Hondo.

Meanwhile, five Long Beach players—Shawn Johnson, Ken Booker, Carey Bailey, Trent

### Knights Reverse Beating

Bishop Montgomery High reversed a prior loss to Bosco Tech with a 70-53 victory Monday evening in the winner's gym.

Tech beat the Knights, 55-53, in the Alemany Tournament in December. Bishop jumped to a 40-18 halftime lead in the rematch and stretched its season record to 12-3.

Team	W	L	PF	PA
Montgomery (78)	12	3	15	20-43
Bosco Tech (52)	3	1	18	18-11
Sabosky (16)	F	Hanson (12)	0	104
Yarmolovich (11)	F	Delson (12)	1	184
Garbanati (8)	C	Soils (2)	1	156
Graham (6)	G	Durbin (0)	1	157
Schlar (11)	C	Natividad (4)	1	157
Montgomery	20	21	18	21-78
Bosco Tech	12	6	15	20-43

Scoring Subs: Montgomery—Jamison (3), Patterson (3), Wynn (10), Wiggins (3), Van Hove (2), White (4), Bosco Tech—Nelson (3), McKnight (4), Davila (2), Habel (4), Masterson (4), Curtis (2), Arroyo (5).

### BASKETBALL ROUNDUP Bay League

Team	W	L	PF	PA
North	3	1	250	191
Redondo	3	1	250	191
Santa Monica	2	2	184	181
Mira Costa	2	1	156	147
South	1	2	165	200
Inglewood	3	1	228	205
Hawthorne	0	4	237	281

Friday's Results  
North 80, South 68  
Mira Costa 58, Hawthorne 55  
Redondo 57, Santa Monica 48.

Games Today  
Mira Costa at South  
Santa Monica at North  
Hawthorne at Inglewood.

Games Friday  
South at Hawthorne  
Redondo at Mira Costa  
Inglewood at Santa Monica  
Mayfair at North at West (non-league).

Game Saturday  
North at Torrance (non-league).

### Mike Sellers Rated Best In Postal Track Meet

Cross country ace Mike Sellers of West High has been declared the national champion in the 1966 postal competition conducted by Track and Field magazine. Jeff Marsee of South High was third.

The competition is conducted by mail and is based on the best time for two miles run on a track during the regular cross country season.

Seller's 9:13.5 two-mile effort came during a meet against El Segundo. Marsee, who was third with a 9:16.8 effort, came up his best season time when he and Sellers ran to a dead heat finish in December at Long Beach State College.

The South High team was 10th in the nation with a combined time of 49:19.7. Individual times were Marsee, 9:16.8; Louis Salatin, 9:58.1; Doug Malone, 9:58.8; Jeff Walker, 10:01, and George Watson, 10:04.5.

Ossining, N.Y., High School won the national title (48:28.3).  
Seller's winning time is the fifth best in the history of the postal competition. The

individual record is 8:57 by Mike Ryan, a former New Zealander.

Mike ran the fastest mile of his career last Saturday in running to a fifth place finish in the Los Angeles Indoor Meet's high school mile event. He was clocked at 4:19.6. Mike Solomon of Westminster won the race in 4:17.2.

### TV Blackout Opposed by Kenny Hahn

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has urged the Federal Communications Commission to ban the practice of television networks "blacking out" major sporting events in the immediate area they are conducted.

"In my opinion, there is a Constitutional question involved when a television or radio station is granted a license to broadcast in the public interest and then denies one portion of its audience its service," Hahn said.

### Camino Real League

Team	W	L	PF	PA
Montgomery	3	0	185	126
St. Bernard	2	0	161	122
Fermin Lasuen	2	1	155	146
Crespi	1	2	156	189
St. Monica	1	2	177	169
Murphy	0	3	120	163

Friday's Results  
Montgomery 67, St. Bernard 49  
St. Monica 44, Redondo 40  
Lasuen 71, Crespi 49.

Monday's Results  
Montgomery 78, Bosco Tech 53.

Games Thursday  
St. Monica at St. Bernard's  
Murphy vs. Crespi at St. Monica's

Game Friday  
Lasuen at Montgomery.

### Pioneer League

Team	W	L	PF	PA
El Segundo	3	0	192	139
West Torrance	2	1	178	146
Aviation	2	1	198	182
Palos Verdes	1	2	180	170
Lennox	1	2	149	200
Lawndale	0	3	162	218

Friday's Results  
Aviation 61, Palos Verdes 44  
Lennox 57, Lawndale 55  
El Segundo 85, West 87.

Yesterday's Results  
Morningside, West, Inc.  
Games Friday  
West at Palos Verdes  
Lawndale at El Segundo  
Aviation at Lennox.

### Sky League

Team	W	L	PF	PA
Morningside	3	0	237	194
Torrance	2	1	240	216
Beverly Hills	2	1	256	245
Leuzinger	1	2	241	280
Culver City	1	2	154	180
Rolling Hills	0	3	198	250

Friday's Results  
Morningside 69, Culver City 49  
Torrance 58, Beverly Hills 53  
Leuzinger 101, Rolling Hills 68.

Yesterday's Results  
Morningside, West, Inc.  
Games Friday  
Rolling Hills at Torrance  
Morningside at Beverly Hills  
Leuzinger at Culver City  
Game Saturday  
North at Torrance (non-league).